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Sl. No.	Projects/Locations	Estimated Cost (Rs. in Crores)	Remarks
1.	Studio, Leh	5.00	Installation Completed
2.	HPTs (DDI1 & 2) - Naushera, Kupwara, Gurez, Samba and Tithwal	94.00	In progress
3.	HPT Srinagar (Kashir Channel)	3.00	Commissioned
4.	HPTs (DD2)-Poonch & Amritsar	25.00	Int. HPT at Poonch Commissioned
5.	HPT Amritsar (DD1)-augmentation		Int. set up Commissioned
6.	Mobile LPTs 12	18.00	9 LPTs Commissioned
7.	VLPTs-60 (location of 9 VLPTs to be decided later)	51.00	30 VLPTs Commissioned
8.	Augmentation of VLPTs - 8	3.00	7 VLPTs Augmented
9.	Earth stations - Srinagar, Jammu & Leh •	18.00	E/S at Srinagar & Jammu Commissioned E/S Leh ready.
10.	Maintenance Centres (10)	1.00	6 Maintenance Centres operationalised

De-reservation of vacancies for SCs/STs and OBCs

2196. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

SHRI ANANTA SETHI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of vacancies/posts reserved for SCs/STs and OBCs are being de-reserved and filled by others despite imposition

of a ban on 'de-reservation' of vacancies reserved for SCs/STs and OBCs with effect from 1 st April, 1989 by DOPT OM No. 36012/6/88-Est (SCT), dated 25th April, 1989;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the instances where vacancies/posts reserved for SCs/STs and OBCs have been de-reserved and filled by persons other than those for whom they were reserved since 1st April, 1989 in her Ministry and its attached and subordinate offices during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Partnership of States in Doordarshan

†2197. SHRIKAPIL SIBAL:

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN*:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some State Governments have demanded for their partnership in the Doordarshan or for a separate TV Channel;

(b) if so, the State Governments which have made such demand;

(c) when the demands were received by Government from these State Governments; and

(d) the decision Government have taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) The Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal have suggested that the State Governments be allowed to have their own TV channels. The matter has also been raised in the Inter State Council. In this connection, it may be noted that 'broadcasting' is a subject included in the Union Listunder the Constitution. With the coming into force of the Prasar Bharati Act, even the Central Government no longer runs Doordarshan and AIR.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.